



## TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

## REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities  
**DATE:** 06/02/2017  
**SUBJECT:** Papple Request – Richard W. LeVan Airport  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Letter to Council from Papple Aviation, Sample letter to Transport Canada

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby send a letter to Transport Canada – Civil Aviation Services, to permit Summer and Tyler Papple, operating as Papple Aviation, to utilize the Richard W. LeVan Airport as one of their bases of operation in conducting aerial crop-scouting/photography, sightseeing flights, and air taxi.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Papple Aviation is requesting permission to use the Richard W. LeVan Airport as one of their operating sites. A letter from the airport owner/operator is required by Transport Canada in order for their operating license to be issued.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Township of North Huron owns and operates the Richard W. LeVan Airport in Wingham. Tyler and Summer Papple have sent a letter to Council requesting that they be permitted to use the Wingham location as one of their bases of operation. That letter is attached to this report. To permit this, the Township is required to send a letter to Transport Canada-Civil Aviation Services. Papple Aviation primarily operates out of the Centralia Airport in Huron County. They have requested to expand their operations to include the Goderich Airport and the Richard W. LeVan Airport. Papple Aviation will continue to base their operations out of Centralia, however they would like to advertise and offer their services from the Richard W. LeVan Airport. This has potential to increase exposure of the Wingham site, and offer services to businesses and residents in this area. To allow for this, they need to have permission from Transport Canada, as Transport Canada has jurisdiction over commercial aviation businesses.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no impact to the North Huron budget.

### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

By permitting this request, there is potential for greater utilization at the Richard W. LeVan airport.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

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Director of Recreation & Facilities

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